COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the *2nd of August 1932.*
18th of Karkadagam 1107.

The House met at half-past twelve of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. S. S. Koder, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, C. A. Ouseph, P. I. Varugis and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Without any interruption—it would seem that this time is 10 minutes ahead of the Railway time. Is it your desire to continue so?

President.—In future we will correct it according to the Railway time.

Mamala bridge (Thiruvankulam boundary bridge).

1. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) are the bridges on the borders of the Thiruvankulam Village connecting it with Mamala in an unsafe condition;

(b) when was the fact first brought to the notice of the Government;

(c) have notice boards been put up that the bridges are unsafe;

(d) when was that done;

(e) has the Government taken any steps to re-build the bridges;

(f) if the answer is in the affirmative, what steps have been taken;

(g) has the Government received complaints about the inadequacy of the bridges for the flow of water;

(h) are the roads being damaged on account of overflow of water every year;

(i) has any steps been taken to remedy this defect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The condition of the bridges is not satisfactory.

(b) In 1106.

(c) Yes.

(d) In 1106.

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(e) and (f) Yes. Government have ordered the re-construction of the bridges and sanctioned the estimate. Tender for the execution of the work has also been accepted.

(g) No.

(h) During abnormal rains the causeway used to be submerged.

(i) Yes. Larger ventway has been proposed to be provided for the new bridges.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know when the work will be taken up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work has already been taken up. The materials have been collected on the spot and the actual work will be taken up as soon as the rain ceases.

Ottanangal chira in Thiruvankulam Village.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when the chira was last repaired;

(b) have petitions been received from the inhabitants of the village requesting the Government to repair the chira;

(c) is there any other public tank in the village which can be used by all classes of people in Thiruvankulam Desam;

(d) is the Government aware of the great hardship felt by the people of the locality for want of a public tank?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) In 1094 by the Sanitary Department.

(b) No, so far as could be ascertained.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. Action will be taken to repair this according to availabiiity of funds.

Road connecting Kureekad with Puthiakavu.

3. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether representations have been received to open a road connecting Kureekad with Puthiakavu;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to open the road;

(c) is the Government aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public for want of such a road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

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